

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

HOWARD WATER COMPANY D/B/A HOWARD	)	
WATER COMPANY	)	
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<hr style="width:40%; margin-left:0"/>	)	CASE NO. 94-373
	)	
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH KRS 278.140 AND	)	
278.230(3)	)	

O R D E R

On October 10, 1994, the Commission ordered William D. Howard, doing business as the Howard Water Company ("Howard"), to appear before it on November 7, 1994 for the purpose of showing cause why he should not be subject to the penalties of KRS 278.990 for his failure to comply with KRS 278.140 and KRS 278.230(3). A copy of the Commission's Order of October 10, 1994 is attached as Exhibit A.

A hearing in this matter was held on November 7, 1994. Neither Howard nor any representative on his behalf appeared at that hearing.

The Commission has since learned that Howard was not served with a copy of the Commission's Order of October 7, 1994. To ensure that Howard has adequate notice of these proceedings and has a full opportunity to defend against the allegations of improper conduct, the Commission finds that another hearing should be held in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Howard shall appear on August 30, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 2 of the Commission's offices at 677 Comanche Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky for the purpose of showing cause, if any he can, why he should not be subjected to the penalties of KRS 278.990 for his failure to comply with KRS 278.140 and KRS 278.230(3).

2. Howard shall file with the Commission, no later than July 31, 1995, his financial and statistical report and his report of gross earnings from intrastate business for the 1993 calendar year.

3. If Howard desires to waive his right to a hearing in this matter, he shall, no later than July 31, 1995, file the required reports and pay a penalty of \$250. Payment of the penalty shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to Treasurer, Commonwealth of Kentucky and shall be delivered to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of June, 1995.

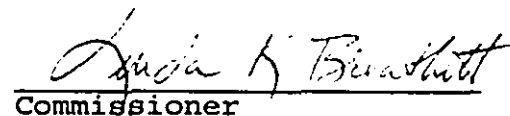
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278.230(3)

O R D E R

William Howard, doing business as Howard Water Company ("Howard"), which owns, controls, operates, and manages facilities which are used for and in connection with the distribution and furnishing of water to the public for compensation. He is therefore a utility subject to Commission jurisdiction. KRS 278.010(3)(d).

KRS 278.140 requires every utility, on or before March 31 of each year, to file with the Commission a report of its gross earnings or receipts derived from intrastate business for the preceding calendar year.

KRS 278.230(3) directs every utility, when required by the Commission, to file with it any report or other information that the Commission reasonably requires. Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 3(1), requires every utility to file with the Commission on or before March 31 of each year a financial and statistical report of its utility operations for the preceding calendar year on forms furnished by the Commission.

KRS 278.990(1) states that any utility which willfully violates any provision of KRS Chapter 278 or Commission regulation shall be subject to a civil penalty not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

On January 4, 1994, the Commission provided to Howard the standard forms for the annual financial and statistical report and the report of gross earnings from intrastate business. According to Commission records, Howard has yet to file these reports for the 1993 calendar year with the Commission. The absence of these reports from Commission records constitutes prima facie evidence that Howard has willfully failed to comply with KRS 278.140 and 278.230(3).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Howard shall file with the Commission, no later than October 28, 1994, his financial and statistical report and his report of gross earnings from intrastate business for the 1993 calendar year.

2. Howard shall appear on November 7, 1994, at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of showing cause, if any he can, why he should not be subjected to the penalties of KRS 278.990 for his failure to comply with KRS 278.140 and 278.230(3).

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reports and pay a penalty of \$250. Payment of the penalty shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to Treasurer, Commonwealth of Kentucky and shall be delivered to office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of October, 1994.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director